Subject: Re: Social norms and women's work_India
Posted by Isha on Tue, 18 Oct 2022 15:17:02 GMT
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Dear Tom and Fred,

Thank you so much for sharing your insights! I am so glad you shared these reports and I will be reading and acknowledging them. It so good to read how you are taking the study of social norms forward with DHS data.

Yes, I checked the data and see that PSU and cluster are the same. Some scholarly papers use the word 'PSU' and others mention 'cluster' (when measuring norms), so maybe that is why I needed clarification.

I wanted to clarify two things based on your message.
- I was not sure what you meant by strata is not a social unit (and do you mean to say that PSU is)? I understand that strata is a geographical unit and I am guessing that PSU is both a geographical and social unit? I believe you are saying that strata are more of an element of design that the researcher uses?

- What do you feel about the datasets having quite a few cases with less than 20 women per cluster to develop a community-level variable? Some even have 1 respondent per PSU. Since I am using all rounds of the NFHS, it is different for each but I need to use the same technique. I am not sure if I should drop clusters with few women (and up to what sample size do you feel it is okay to drop). Or does it not make a big difference statistically? I came across a study by Kaggwa et al. (2008) that mentioned they dropped all clusters with less than 25 women for a different country DHS, but in the NFHS, the max sample of women per PSU is 22.

I am very grateful to you! Thank you for your quick response!

Best,
Isha